

Abstract

A method and suitable devices to set the degree of security of cryptography functions (11, 23) in communication terminals (2) in a situation-dependent way, situation-indicating parameters, for instance a country code for the country in which the communication terminal (2) is momentarily located, are received in a communication terminal (2), in particular a mobile radio telephone (2), in a secured way from a secure source (3, 4) via a telecommunication network (3), in particular a mobile radio network (3), and, based on received situation-indicating parameters, security parameters are determined in the communication terminal (2), for instance the maximal permissible (bit) length of cryptographic keys, which security parameters are used by the cryptography functions (11, 23) and determine the degree of security.

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